TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1106.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Monday, the 3rd August 1931/18th Karkatakam 1106.

The Legislative Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock, the President presiding.

All the members except Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Demand notices issued from the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli Taluk Offices in 1105 and 1106.

48. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of demand notices issued from the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli Taluk Offices from the 1st Chingam 1106 to the close of Mithunam 1106 and during the corresponding period in 1105 ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A statement containing the required information is given below:—

Taluk.	*No. of notices issued from 1-1-1106 to 32-11-1106.*	*No. issued during the corresponding period in 1105.*
Kartikapalli	35,545	28,781
Mavelikara	39,749	29,228

A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why there is such a high increase in the issue of demand notices?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Probably because there are a larger number of defaulters this year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I understand that, but I wish to know from the member whether he could tell me whether there are other reasons for such a large increase?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There may be other reasons also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I wish to know what those reasons are ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The reason why each and every individual did not pay the tax, cannot be easily ascertained. There is the economic depression prevailing throughout

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[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

the land on account of which some of the tax payers may not be in a position to pay the tax. That is a fact which cannot be doubted and which is not open to question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): There is an increase of 35 percent in Mavelikara this year. Is this not an unprecedented increase and what is it to due to?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I must say that it is due to the fault of the tax-payers themselves. The Tax payers did not pay their tax in time and the Revenue Department had no other go but to issue demand notices.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government tried to ascertain the reason for such a large increase?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have not ascertained the reason. The member wanted information only in respect of the number of demand notices issued in 1105 and 1106.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When the Government found such a large increase in the number of demand notices issued this year as compared with the previous year, did they not make an enquiry why there was such an increase?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government had no time to do that. The interpellation was received and sent to the Land Revenue Commissioner for report. The Commissioner has sent a report to Government on the basis of which this answer was prepared. There was no time for the Government to ascertain what the particular reason was for this increase in the number of demand notices issued this year.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): So, am I to understand that this fact was brought to the notice of the Government only by this question?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether this increase is not due to the fact that the Dewan Peishkars and the Tahsildars had issued instructions that coercive steps should be taken without showing any indulgence whatever in case of default of payment of tax?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is always the case. When tax is not paid, demand notices are usually issued as per rules on the subject.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): My question is whether any special instructions were issued in the year 1106 for taking coercive steps without any indulgence?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information on that point.

Bridge across the Wadai canal, Alleppey.

49. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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